

## House Resolution No. 4373

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

**Whereas**, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Bobby Joe Fletcher lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Mary Darline Cook, during a solemn ceremony on August 30, 1958, -at Phillipsburg Baptist Church; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Bobby and Mary Fletcher have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children and their spouses, Tammy Kirkland, Joe and Nancy Fletcher, Karey and Greg Lund, and Betsy and Brian Livingston; their grandchildren, Amanda Kirkland Duerden and her husband, Michael, Brandon and Cody Fletcher, Karissa and Aaron Lund, and Emily and Simon Livingston; and one great-granddaughter, Eleora Duerden; and

**Whereas**, Bobby Fletcher has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes working as a mechanic, truck driver, farmer, and minister, and being honorably discharged from the Missouri National Guard; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mary Fletcher further distinguished herself by working at H.D. Lee Garment Factory and as a school bus driver; and

**Whereas**, Bobby and Mary Fletcher have also distinguished themselves by helping sick people, visiting nursing homes, making DVD's for funerals and wildlife DVD's to give away; and

**Whereas**, Bobby and Mary Fletcher have enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the years, a few of which include fishing, hunting, holding fish fries, and sewing; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher of Lebanon commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration hosted by their loved ones on August 30, 2008:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Bobby and Mary Fletcher and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Joe Fletcher, Sr.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Darrell Pollock  
District No. 146

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4373, adopted October 15, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker